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USSR MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY REORGANIZES

The complete text of "94. Confirmation of the Statute concerning the
 Ministry of Light Industry USSR" follows.

The Council of Ministers USSR decrees:

1. To confirm the statute concerning the Ministry of Light Industry USSR.
2. To consider the following decrees superseded.

Decree of the Council of People's Commissars USSR of 21 July 1938,
 "Confirmation of the Statute Concerning the People's Commissariat of Light
 Industry USSR" (S. P. [Collection of Decrees] USSR 1938, No 34, Item 207).

Decree of the Council of People's Commissars USSR of 28 April 1939,
 "Structure of the People's Commissariat of Textile Industry USSR" (S. P. USSR
 1939, No 30, Item 201).

Decree of the Council of People's Commissars USSR of 28 April 1939,
 No 562, "Structure of the People's Commissariat of Light Industry USSR".

Decree of the Council of People's Commissars USSR of 25 January 1940,
 Organization of the Main Administration of Sericulture Under the People's Com-
 missariat of Textile Industry USSR" (S. P. USSR 1940, No 3, Item 99).

Decree of the Council of People's Commissars of 1 July 1940, "Organi-
 zational Structure of the Peoples' Commissariat of Textile Industry USSR"
 (S. P. USSR 1940, No 19, Item 467).

Decree of the Council of People's Commissars of 6 November 1940,
 "Partial Changes in the Structure of the People's Commissariat of Textile
 Industry USSR" (S. P. USSR 1940, No 30, Item 725).

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Decree of the Council of Ministers USSR of 7 April 1947, No 885,
"Structure and Staff of the Ministry of Textile Industry USSR."

Decree of the Council of Ministers USSR of 7 April 1947, No 918,
"Structure and Staff of the Ministry of Light Industry USSR."

I. Stalin, Chairman
Council of Ministers USSR
M. Pomaznev, Director of Affairs
Council of Ministers USSR

Moscow, Kremlin,
25 June 1949, No 2645.

Statute on the Ministry of Light Industry USSR

1. The Ministry of Light Industry USSR, in conformance with Article 78 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR, is a union-republic ministry.

2. The Ministry of Light Industry USSR directs and administers construction organizations and the following branches of industry: cotton, synthetic fiber, wool, silk, flax, cord, hemp, knitted fabric, clothing, footwear, leather goods, tanning extracts, saddlery, felting, fur, haberdashery, glass, artificial leather, industrial cloth, spinning enterprises, raw cotton, cotton cleaning, primary processing of flax, hemp, wool and leather goods, production of machines and spare parts, procurement of local fuel and timber, procurement and reprocessing of utilizable scrap and industrial waste products.

3. The Ministry of Light Industry USSR, in conformance with Article 76 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR, directly administers light-industry enterprises and organizations at the Union level, and directs light-industry enterprises and organizations at the republic and local levels through the ministries of light industry of the union republics.

4. The Ministry of Light Industry USSR is headed by a minister. The Minister of Light Industry USSR, in conformance with Article 72 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR, directs the activity of the Ministry and its subordinate organizations and enterprises.

5. The Minister of Light Industry USSR, in conformance with Article 73 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR, issues, within the scope of his authority, orders and instructions on the basis of, and in execution of, currently operative laws, decrees, and edicts of the government of the USSR, and checks on their execution.

The Minister of Light Industry USSR suspends and revokes orders and instructions of the ministers of light industry of the union republics at variance with laws, decrees and edicts of the Government of the USSR, or at variance with orders and instructions of the Ministry of Light Industry USSR; appoints directors of main administrations, administrations, and sections of the Ministry and of its subordinate organizations and enterprises; sets up enterprises and organizations according to established procedure, and where necessary, changes their subordination to main administrations and other organs of the Ministry; confirms statutes on main administrations, administrations and enterprises subordinate to the Ministry.

6. The Ministry of Light Industry sets up a Collegium consisting of the Minister (chairman, Vice-Ministers, and key personnel in the Ministry.

The Minister of Light Industry submits the names of the members of the Collegium to the Council of Ministers USSR for confirmation.

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The Collegium, in its regularly conducted sessions, examines problems of administration, checking on execution, and personnel selection, and examines the most important orders and instructions of the Ministry; hears reports of the supervisory workers of main administrations, administrations and sections of the Ministry; organizations and enterprises under the Ministry's jurisdiction, as well as reports of Ministers of Light Industry of the union republics.

Decisions of the Collegium are made operative by orders of the Minister.

In the event of a difference of opinion between the Minister and his Collegium, the Minister may carry out his decision, but must notify the Council of Ministers USSR of the difference of opinion. Members of the Collegium, in their turn, may appeal to the Council of Ministers USSR.

7. The basic tasks for the execution of which the Ministry of Light Industry bears full responsibility are:

Fulfillment of production and construction plans approved by the Government of the USSR; providing for the fullest development of all branches of light industry; production of high-quality articles of light industry in the necessary varieties and in conformance with the demands of the consumer; increasing the productive capacity of enterprises, mechanization and automatization of production processes, and development and introduction of progressive techniques of production; proper organization of labor, increasing labor productivity, and decreasing the cost of the finished products; organized assembly and training of worker personnel, proper selection of directors, engineers and technicians, and raising their qualifications.

8. The Ministry of Light Industry USSR:

a. Draws up production and financial plans, plans for labor and capital construction (perspective, yearly, and quarterly) with divisions for the industry at the union and republic levels, marketing plans, railroad and water-transport plans, balance sheets for income and expenditures of organizations at the union level, and carries out measures for the fulfillment of plans approved by the government;

b. Carries out measures to increase labor productivity, to improve quality and to lower the cost of finished products, to reduce the costs and to improve the quality of construction and planning and research work, to guarantee profits to enterprises and an increase in above-plan accumulations in the industry;

c. Carries out production and technical supervision of enterprises; introduces new progressive techniques, technical improvements and inventions, mechanization and automatization of production processes, and improved technological processes; develops standard designs and maintains technical standards in production; establishes norms for the consumption of raw materials, semi-finished products, fuel, and electric power.

d. Organizes supply of technical equipment for enterprises, organizations, and construction projects at the union level;

e. Markets the output of light-industry enterprises; guarantees fulfillment of approved plans for commodity turnover and for conversion into cash of light industry's output; guarantees production of latest models, fashions, and designs which are most in demand; organizes a chain specialized model-display stores of the Ministry;

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f. Directs construction of light-industry enterprises; approves planned tasks, technical projects, and estimates for capital construction; develops and approves standard projects for the construction of light-industry enterprises;

g. Carries out selection of directors, engineers, technicians, and scientists; administers the organization of labor, labor standards, and wages; draws up statutes on payment of workers, engineers, technicians, and employees of enterprises and supervises application of these statutes; supervises the execution of labor legislation and safety regulations; directs organized assembly of working personnel and drawing up of collective contracts and supervises execution of these contracts;

h. Directs socialist competition of workers, engineers, technicians, and employees toward the fulfilling and exceeding of state plans, increasing labor productivity, improving quality and lowering the cost of finished products;

i. Directly administers educational and scientific research institutes subordinate to the Ministry; directs the training of personnel and improvements in the qualifications of directors, engineers, technicians, and workers;

j. Finances enterprises and organizations of light industry at the union level and directs their financial activities; draws up plans for wholesale and retail prices for the finished products of light industry at union, republican and local levels and fixes prices for various types of finished products of light industry;

k. Organizes, directs and supervises the setting up of bookkeeping accounts and records within the Ministry; approves accounts and balance sheets of main administrations and organizations directly subordinate to the Ministry of Light Industry USSR; audits and analyzes composite bookkeeping accounts of the Ministries of Light Industry of the union republics; draws up periodical and yearly composite bookkeeping accounts; carries out financial supervision and audits the records within the Ministry;

l. Carries out measures for the safeguarding of state socialist property in enterprises, institutions, and organizations within the Ministry;

m. Publishes literature on problems of the techniques, economics, and organization of the productive processes of light industry and manuals on the most recent achievements of science and technology.

9. The structure of the Ministry of Light Industry USSR is established by the Council of Ministers USSR.

10. For the best utilization of progressive experiences of directors, workers, and Stakhanovites of the Ministry of Light Industry USSR, the Ministry's main administrations, organizations, and enterprises hold personnel meetings in which reports on the most important decisions of the Party and the Government and the principal orders of the Ministry are heard and discussed, and problems of production and management are discussed through the development of criticism and self-criticism.

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